

H.C. Burkleigh Papers

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The COMER Family.

This family appears to have originated in the Rhine Valley of Western Germany. Persons of this name came to America in 1709-10 in the great Palatine Emigration and settled along the Hudson River north of New York City. The name has been spelled in various ways. Old manuscripts show it as Camer, Camer, Camar, Comer, etc. The following references may be found:

1. The genealogy of the family has been published. It is entitled: The Comer Family, by Salles Comer Lathrop, and is in three volumes. I have never seen it, but a copy will likely be found in the State Library of New York, Albany, N. Y., or possibly in other large libraries.
2. The following church records have to do with the Comer family. These I copied in Albany, N. Y., in the library referred to above:

Claverack, N. Y.
Baptisms.

1751, March 1 Abraham, son of Paulus Camer and Elizabeth Heynger.
1759, Jan. 17 Paulus, son of John Camer and Margret Krom.
1761, March 8 Johan Joost, son of John Camer and Margret Krom.
1765, June 9 Johannes, son of John Camer and Margret Krom.

Zion Lutheran Church, Lunenburg (now Athens, N. Y.)
Baptisms.

1764, Aug. 5 Jacob, son of Paul Camer and Elizabeth, his wife.

It is possible, but not proven, that the Paulus, born in 1759, is the person who settled in this part of Canada.

3. Three Comers settled in this township (Ernesttown). They were Thomas, Paul, and Jacob. They were very likely brothers, and possibly sons of John Camer of Claverack, N. Y.
 - a. Thomas, according to a muster roll of Capt. Wm. Fraser's Coy., Loyal Rangers, dated 25 Dec., 1781, and 1 Jan., 1783, was born in America in 1753-54, was 5' 8" in height, and had joined the regiment in July, 1777. List of marriages in the Protestant Church in Montreal shows that he married Christine Wartman (whose father was a Loyalist refugee). He settled in this township in 1784, as will be shown later.
 - b. Paul appears to be a younger brother. I do not find his name in any list of soldiers, although his name is on the Loyalist list as a discharged soldier. As there were (as far as I have been able to find) no lists after Jan., 1783, it is safe to assume that he joined the Loyal Rangers after that date. He also settled in this township, as will be shown.
 - c. Jacob Comer. He is also listed as a discharged soldier of the Loyal Rangers, and is shown to have settled in this Township.

It is very likely that the Comer Genealogy, referred to above, contains the names of these three brothers. At present, it can only be presumed that they were brothers, or cousins.

4. The first reference to your ancestor, Paul Comer, is contained in a

List of Artificers Employed in the Engineer's Department, Cataraqui (now Kingston), 10 Sept., 1784

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Paul Comer, axe man, hired at Cataragui--employed at the Mill that is building at the middle of the Bay of Quinte. (This is the first saw mill built in this Township--two miles east of this village, at what is now the community of Millhaven).

5. A Muster of Discharged Soldiers and Those Attached Settled in Township No. 2, Cataragui (now Ernesttown Township) dated Oct. 7, 1784, contains these:

Thomas Comer, with wife and one daughter under 10 years of age, with 2½ acres of land cleared, he and family on their lands.

Paul Comer, a single man, who had gone to Canada to get seed wheat.

Jacob's name is not on this list, showing that he had not yet arrived in the Township.

6. The United Empire List, initiated in October, 1796, made up of those persons who joined the Royal Standard during the American Revolution and who had settled in Canada before 1796, contains these three Comers:

Jacob Comer	of Ernesttown Township	Loyal Rangers.
Paul Comer	do	Soldier; Provision List of 1786; 200 acres in 1790.
Thomas Comer	do	Query, if not Comer, soldier Loyal Rangers. Provision List of 1786.

7. Parish Register of St. John's Church, Bath, by Rev. John Langhorn, first Missionary of the Anglican Church for Ernesttown Township.

Marriages.

1789, 28 April, Paul Comer and Phebe Dais (Boyce), both of Ernesttown.

1790, 28 Dec., Jacob Comer and Deborah Hicks, both of Ernesttown.

Baptisms.

1790, 1 Aug., John, son of Paul and Phebe Comer, of Ernesttown.

1792, 20 May, Mary, dau. " " " " " " "

1794, 1 June, Marguerite, dau. of Paul and Phebe Comer, of Ernesttown.

1788, 17 Feb., Margaret, dau. of Thomas and Christine Comer, of Ernesttown.

1790, 26 Aug., Elizabeth, dau. of Jacob and Deborah Comer, of Ernesttown.

8. Parish Register of Dutch Reformed (later Presbyterian) Church of Ernesttown, by Rev. Robert McDowall.

Baptisms.

William, son of Phebe Comer and Phebe Boice, born 10 Dec., 1800.

Marriages.

1804, 29 May, William Boice and Margaret Comer, both of Ernesttown.

1808, 19 Dec., Benjamin Losee and Elizabeth Comer, " " "

9. Sons & Daughters of United Empire Loyalists, obtained from their applications for land. Note: Each child of a Loyalist was entitled to 200 acres of land free of all costs. The term: O. C., with date, means the date of approval of

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the Provincial Council for land to children of Loyalists. Each son had to be twenty-one years of age at the time of grant. Each daughter likewise had to be twenty-one, or married, at the time of the grant.

Comer, Paul, of Ernesttown, who married Phebe Boyce, of Ernesttown, 26 Apr., 1789. His children who applied for land:

daughter, Mary	O.C. 27 Feb., 1818 & 29 June, 1843
" Margaret, married Levi Lee, of Ernesttown	27 Feb., 1818.
" Sarah, who married 1st ----- Van Ness of Loughboro Township, & 2nd ----- Blake	27 Feb., 1818.
Son Jacob, of Ernesttown	6 Mar., 1821.
" John, of Darlington Township	31 Oct., 1821.
daughter, Elizabeth, wife of Archibald Gary, of Ernesttown	19 Dec., 1833.
Son, William, of Camden East Township	10 Mar., 1834.

Comer, Thomas.

daughter, Margaret, wife of William Boice, of Ernesttown 17 Feb., 1807.

None of the children of Jacob Comer applied for land. He likely removed to the United States before his children came of age.

Boyce, John, of Matilda Township.

daughter, Phoebe, wife of Paul Comer, of Ernesttown 4 Sep., 1834

10. John C. Clark's Diary (copy in my possession) lists several Comers, but none which appear to be closely connected to your family, except:

1840, Oct. 2, Old Mr. Jacob Comer died this morning--lingering illness.

11. Fellows Church (Ernesttown) Cemetery contains a grave stone with this inscription:

Jacob Comer, born March 18, 1767; died Oct. 25, 1840, aged 73 years,
7 months and 7 days.

(Note that there are some discrepancies in this, as compared with item 10. On looking up the diary again I find that this death was recorded on Oct. 25).

12. The Lake genealogy, by Rev. Mr. Crampton, shows that

Ailse Lake, daughter of John Lake, married Jacob Comer. I do not have the date of this marriage, but her next older sister was born in 1807.

This resume of my Comer notes supplies you with the parents of your Jacob Comer, as well as the possible grandparents. All this can be confirmed if you can locate the Comer Genealogy, mentioned on page 1. If you cannot locate a copy, I can likely review it for you on my next trip to Albany, N. Y., where I go every spring to search for ancestors of our early families.

Dr. H.C. Burleigh,
BATH, Ontario.

Mike Van Nest 1st = Sarah Comer = 2nd John Blake

1796-
alive in
1819

Oct 27-2-1818

Oct. 23-4-1817

as Mrs Van Ness

? 15-7-1842

Calvin

Susanah

Adeline

23-9-1857

29-9-1857

John Logg

Wm Vent

J. C. Clark Diary

Comer

1832

Sep. 6 Lewis Comer and family (Mormons) started for Missouri.

1833

May 12 Lewis Comer returned from following the Mormons.

1840

Oct. 25 Old Mr. Jacob Comer died this morning - lingering illness.

1842

Dec. 29 Mr. Daniel Perry and Miss Hannah Comer (daughter of Henry) married.

1843

Sep. 28 Mr. George Comer and Miss Ferris married at evening.

1845

Jan. 2 Mr. Henry Comer and Miss Frances Reynolds married.



St George's Parish Register
of Kingston 1785-1811

Marriages

Harvey Rood and Catharine Miller (banns) married 2 Sept 1804

Baptisms

Hannah dau of Harvey & Catharine Rood baptizd 16 June 1805
Sponsors: John Darley and Hannah Darley.

2 Apr 1804

Henry Rood = Catharine Miller (Burnett?)

sh d. aged 98th year in 1857 1 Feb

Hannah Coomer bp. 16 June 1825	Mary Green	Margaret Ferden	Maria = John Blake Blake d. ae 65	John Blake d. ae 91
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John P Blake b. 17 Mar 1816 d. 22 July 1879	Hannah Blake b. 12 Aug 1818 d. 21 Feb 1892	George F b. 9 Jul 1821	Susannah = 23 Sept 1851 John Hoyle b. 23 Nov 1825/6 d. 15 Dec 1919
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Booth.

Sons & Daughters of U.S.

Thomas Burnett of Kingston Man. aged 84
May auct. d. Feb 1813

d. Catherine, marr. Harvey Rood of Kingston, d. at
Kingston 1837 in 98th year. O.C. 11 Feb 1866
(born 1760)

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James Hogle Bible Records

BLAKE

Births

John P. Blake born 17 March 1816

Hannah Blake " 12 Aug. 1818

George C. Blake " 9 July 1821

Susannah Blake " 14 Feb 1831

Marriages

John Hogle and Susannah Blake married 23 Sept 1851

Deaths

John Hogle died 8 May 1898

Susannah Blake Hogle died 15 Dec 1918

The Blakes were related to John Counter, first Mayor of Kingston. He lost his fortune in building the Canal across Wolfe Island

His son

Charles Counter was "a little touched in his head on oratory."

Mother's Pedigree in Odessa.

Her (Susannah Blake) parents were John Blake, born in the city of Gloucester, England, next door to the Red Lion, christened in St. James Church, married in Kingston by Archdeacon Stuart, sometime about 1814, to Maria Rude who was born at Westbrook. Her mother's name was Catherine Burnett, died at 98. Maria had three sisters, Hannah Counter, Mary Green and Margaret Farden.

The first part of the paper is devoted to a general discussion of the problem of the origin of life. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and interesting in the history of science. The author discusses the various theories of the origin of life, and shows that the most probable one is the theory of spontaneous generation.

The second part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the problem of the evolution of life. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and interesting in the history of science. The author discusses the various theories of the evolution of life, and shows that the most probable one is the theory of natural selection.

The third part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the problem of the development of life. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and interesting in the history of science. The author discusses the various theories of the development of life, and shows that the most probable one is the theory of the development of life from simple to complex.

The fourth part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the problem of the future of life. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and interesting in the history of science. The author discusses the various theories of the future of life, and shows that the most probable one is the theory of the future of life from simple to complex.

John C. Clark Diary.

BLAKE

No Van Ness.

23. 37. 45. 47. 51. 138. 233

1837. Sept. 21 Mr. John Blake, Junr. & Miss Snook married.
1840. 25 Sept. Mr. Blake's youngest child died.
1842, 29 Jan Mr. Philip Booth and Miss Hannah Blake married.
1842, 5 July Mrs. John Blake, Senr., died A.M. of Delirium Tremens.
1843. 22 Feb. Mr. John Blake, Senr., and Widow Youngs, of
Kingston, married.
1851, 23 Sept Mr. John Hogle, son of James Hogle, 2nd Concession,
and Miss Susannah Blake of Mill Creek married
by the Reverend Mr. Coleman.
1857. 29 Sept. Mr. William Vent and Miss Adeline Blake - a niece
of Mrs. Philip Booth, Esq., married by the Rev.
D. C. Clappison

1871. The first year of the war. The
Union was divided. The North
was fighting for the Union. The South
was fighting for the Confederacy.
The war was a great struggle.
It was a struggle for the Union.
It was a struggle for the South.
It was a struggle for the future of the
country. It was a struggle for the
future of the world.

MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

TO
A Mr. John A. Van Nest

YOUR FILE No.
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No.
Notre dossier

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De Public Archives of Canada.

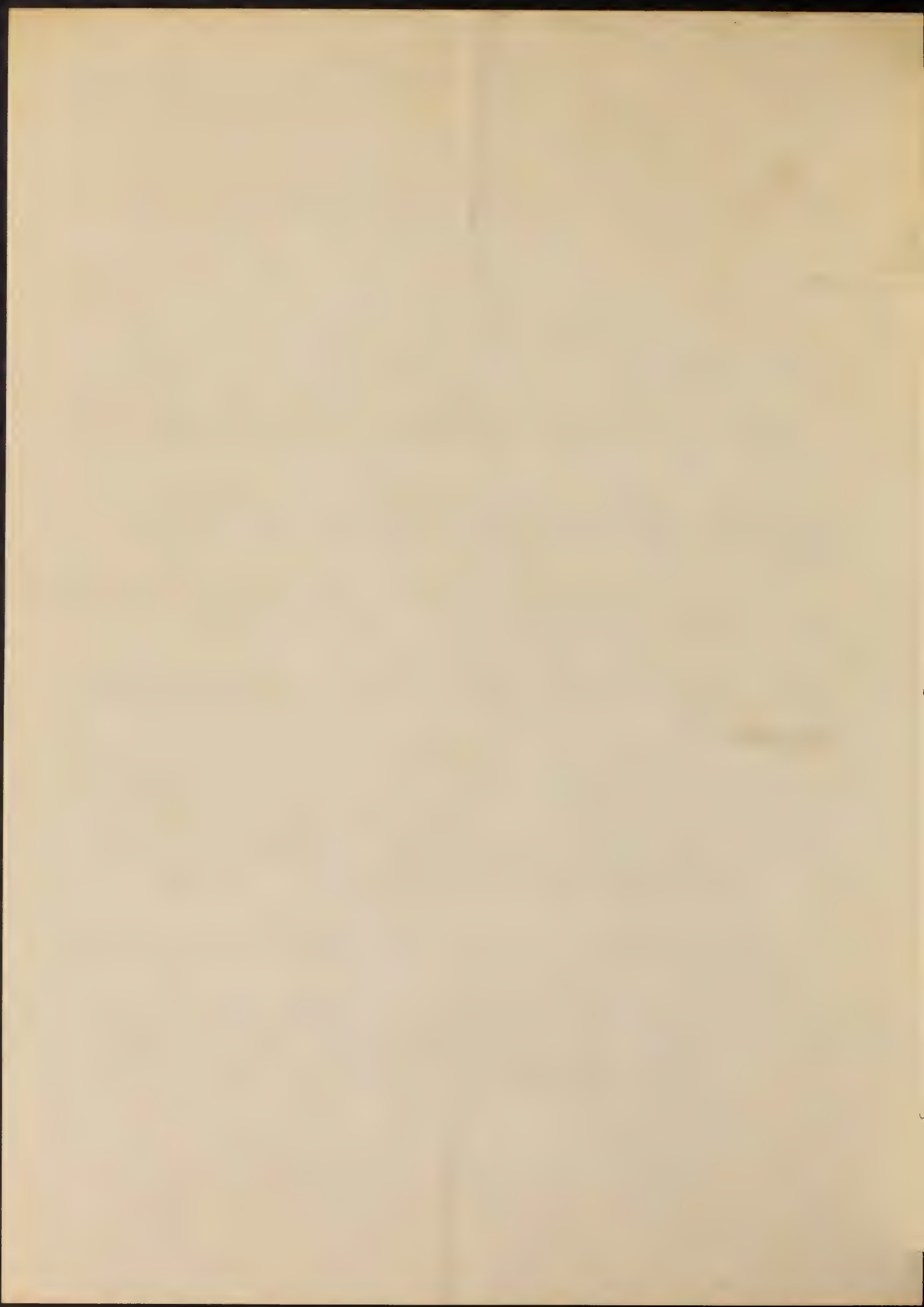
DATE 3 Aug./66

SUBJECT
Sujet Comar [Comer, Comber] and Van Ness families.

1. The names of Jacob Comber, Ernestown, Loyal Rangers; Paul Comber (Comer) Ernestown, Soldier; Thomas Comber (Comar) Ernestown, Soldier, Loyal Rangers appear in the Loyalist List. (Manuscript Group 9, D 4, volume 9).
2. Several land petitions submitted by members of the Comar [Comer, Comber] and Van Ness families were found and from these petitions and their supporting papers, the following information was obtained.
 - a) On 10 September 1797, Thomas Comar submitted a petition for an additional 200 acres of land as a private soldier in the late ~~Royal~~ ^{ROYAL} Rangers. (Record Group 1, L3, vol. 91, C 3/2, 2 ^{PAGES}).
 - b) On 30 April, 1824, Christine Comer, wife of Thomas Comer and daughter of Abraham Wartman, U.E. Loyalist, petitioned for land as the daughter of a Loyalist. (Record Group 1, L3, vol. 109, C 16/49, 5 pp.).
 - c) On 23 April, 1817, Sarah Van Ness of Loughborough petitioned for land. The petition states that she is the daughter of Thomas Comer of Ernestown, U.E.L. and wife of Michael Van Ness. Enclosed with the petition are two certificates: one stating that Sarah Van Ness was alive and residing in Township of Loughborough on 1 February 1818 and the other that Thomas Comer mentioned in petition is the same person whose name is Thomas Comber on the U.E.L. List. (Record Group 1, L3, vol. 515, V 11/17, 5 pp.).
 - d) On 10 February 1819, Michael Vennest petitioned for Lot 4 in 7th Concession of Loughborough Township. (Record Group 1, L3, vol. 521, V Leases 25, 3 pp.).
 - e) Paul Comar, having obtained a certificate for 200 acres of land as a soldier, petitioned in 1798 for a warrant of such land. The notation "township of Ernestown, Yeoman" is also added on the petition. (Record Group 1, L3, vol. 92, c 4/15, 2 pages).

Michael Van Ness = 1st = Sarah Comer = 2nd John Blake...2

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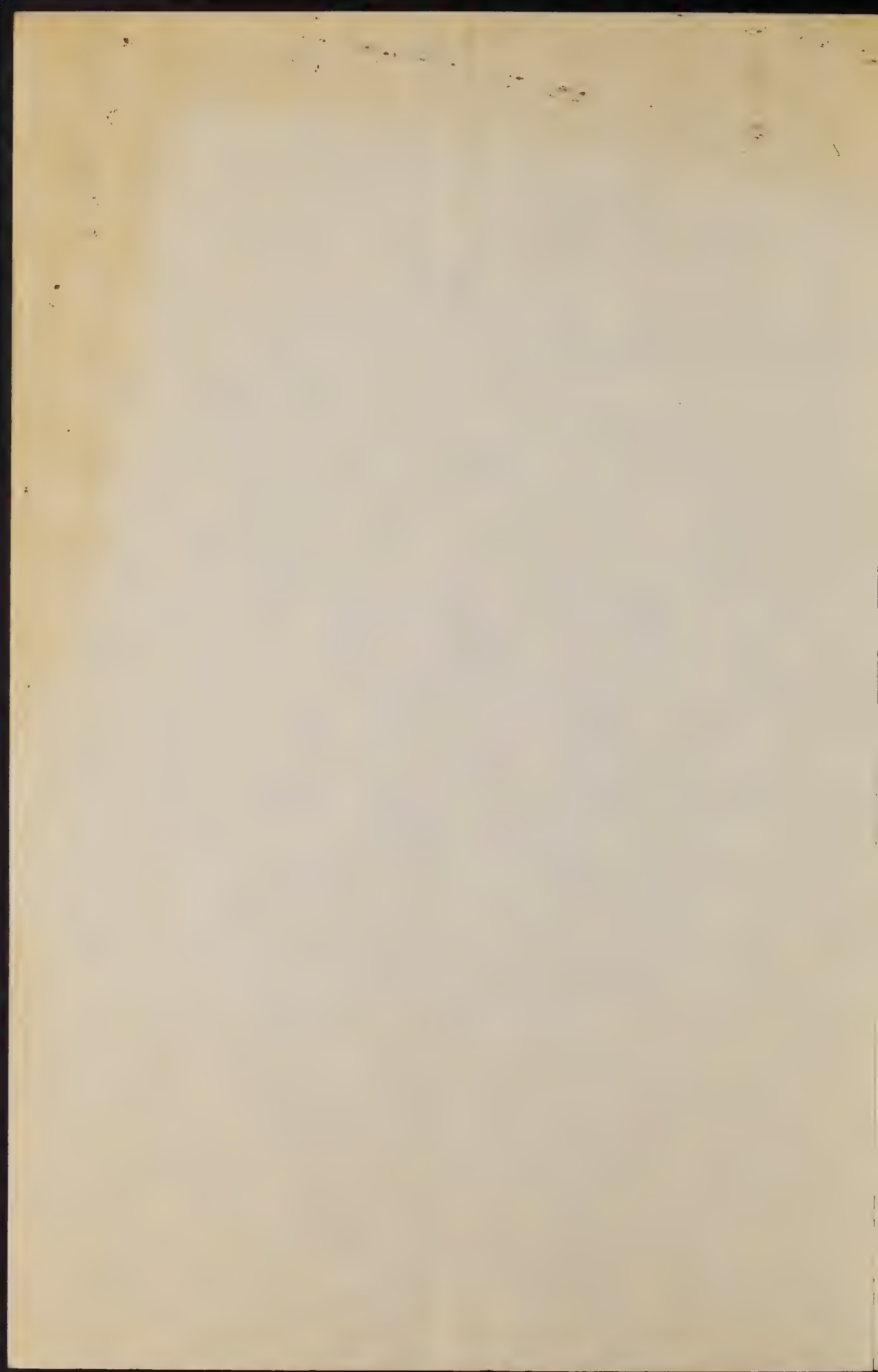
Bath. R. R. 1. Ontario
Aug. 13th, 1956

Mrs H. C. Burleigh;
Bath, Ontario,

Dear Mrs. Burleigh.

I would be interested
in knowing if my ancestors qualify
me to join the U.E.L. Association.
I spoke of it to you the day of the
meeting, but can give you some
further information.

My mother was Eleanora
Heborah White, of Lillsville, daughter
of Mrs John White, who was
Mercy Jane Aylsworth, born at
Violet in Ernestown, a daughter
of William Martin Aylsworth
who married a Tomber. (I don't know
her given name) but they owned
Tomber's Mill in Ernestown.



William Martin Aylsworth was the
son of Job II (as described in Sir
Alan Aylsworth's book) and Job II
was the second son of Job I who
came to Canada in 1788 and was
granted by the Crown, Lot II in
2nd Concession to Ennataum.

I am enclosing a self-addressed
stamped envelope for a reply when you
have the time. I prefer to find out
from you personally rather than
make an application to the Association
and have them decide to accept or
reject.

yours truly,

Grace M. Stalker

(Mrs G. R.)

Job 1 = Sarah
Aylsworth Clark

Job 1 = 28.12.1790
Cramer Debra Hecke

Job 2
Aylsworth
d 1850

= Sarah
Martin
3.1816
Thomas Parks
of Camden East
d. before 14.6.1857

= Eliza Cramer.
bp. 26.8.1792
O.C. 15.5.1835

(cl)

24.12.1842

(cl)

Wm Martin Aylsworth

= Deborah Ann Parks

b. 19.5.1813

b. 22.4.1815 h. 1.1838

d. ~~22.4.181~~

d. 2.3.1902

20.4.1906

bury Bath

vet. of 1837

Mary Jane Hoyt
1845-1879

¹⁰ John B. White
of Redbury
Hillsville
1835-1907
Am McDowell

²⁰ = Mary Jane Aylsworth

b. 3.2.1848

d. ¹⁹ in m.d.

= Grace Deborah White Maryt
b. 6.3.1867
d. 11.9.1867

Roland Starker = Grace in
R.R. 1 Bath

Letter as above 14.8.56

War Office Papers

CAMER

Dir of ~~Capt. James Buchanan~~ Capt. Buchanan
 Capt. Buchanan, 24 Feb 1783

Thos Buchanan

do Serd 12 Nov 1786

Capt. Buchanan, 24 Feb 1783

Thomas Cameron

Off. No. 12. Thos. Buchanan, 24 Feb 1783

Saint Michael

Thomas Cameron - Commission

Capt. Buchanan, 24 Feb 1783

Thomas Cameron to America 24, 5'8" 4 yr 6 mo 1783 (b.1753)

Capt. James Buchanan, 24 Feb 1783

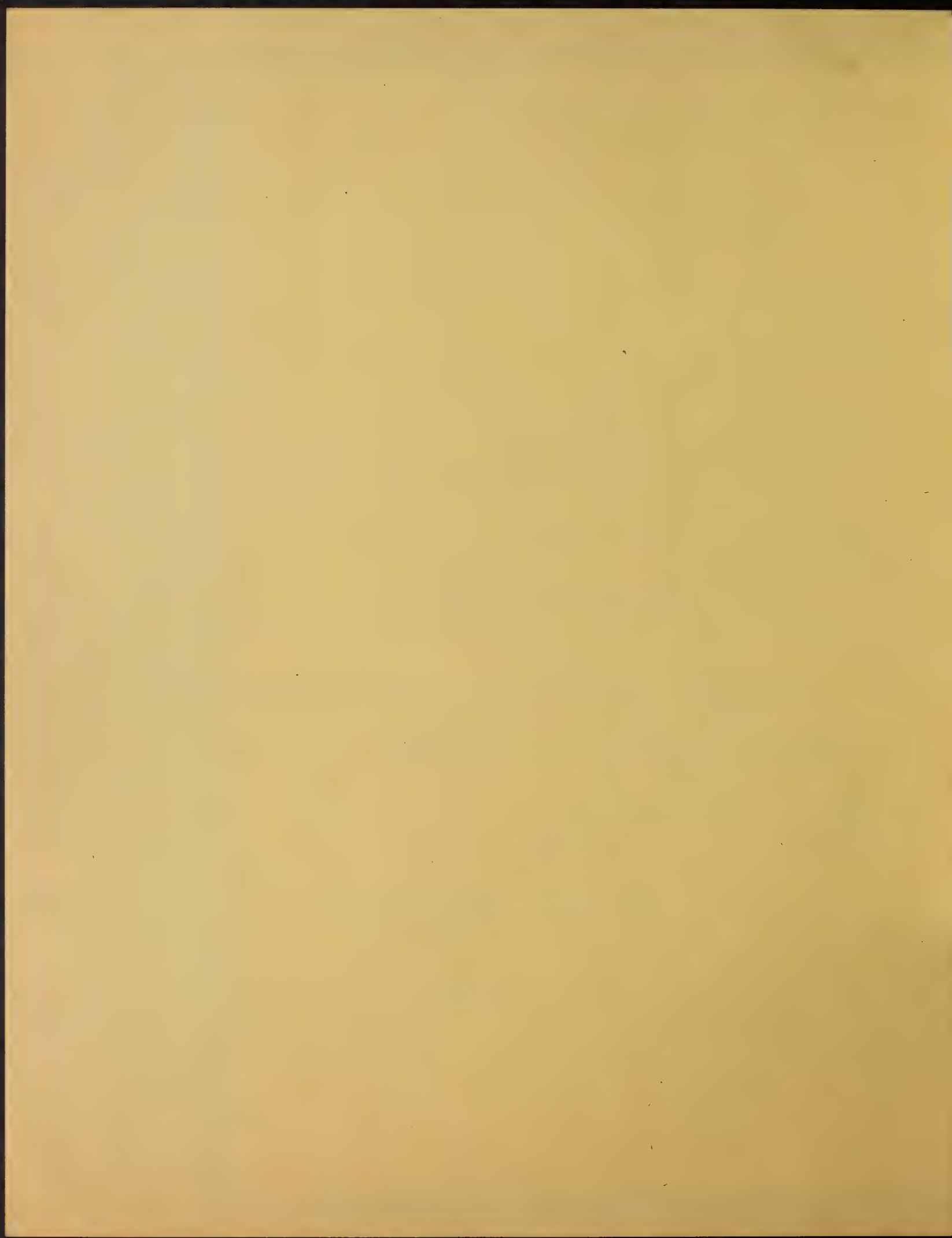
Thomas Cameron to America 34 yrs of age 5'9" 4 yr 4 mo 1783 (b.1748)

Capt. Buchanan, 24 Feb 1783

Thomas Cameron to America 29, 5'8" 5 yr 6 mo 1783

Capt. Buchanan, 24 Feb 1783

Michael Cameron to America 34 yrs of age 5'7" 5 yr 3 mo 1783 (b.1749)



Parsons, Kansas, Rt.3,
February 8, 1964.

Dr. H. C. Burleigh,
Bath, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Burleigh:

On November 10th. last, I wrote to you about trying to get,
from the records in London, a transcript of the claim of Thomas
Comer for losses sustained in New York state in the American
Revolution.

Have you had any success in this matter?

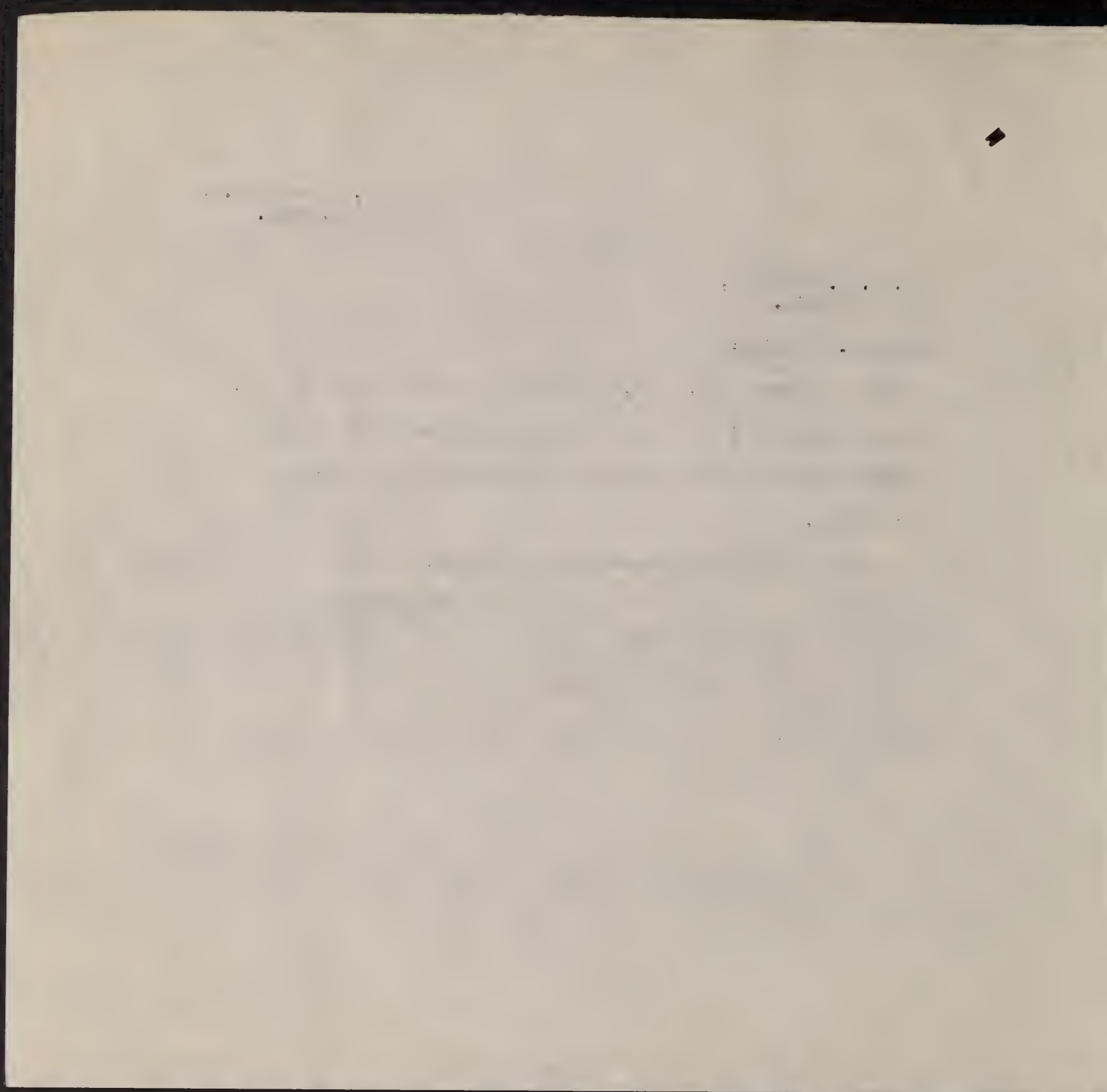
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Sincerely,

Replied, enclosing the desired record
which had mistakenly been sent to
Willis Irish.

L.E. Willis

HGB.



Parsons, Kansas, Rt. 3,
November 10, 1963.

Dr. H.C. Burleigh,
Bath, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Burleigh:

I am still searching in the Comer Family for information on their American Colonial history.

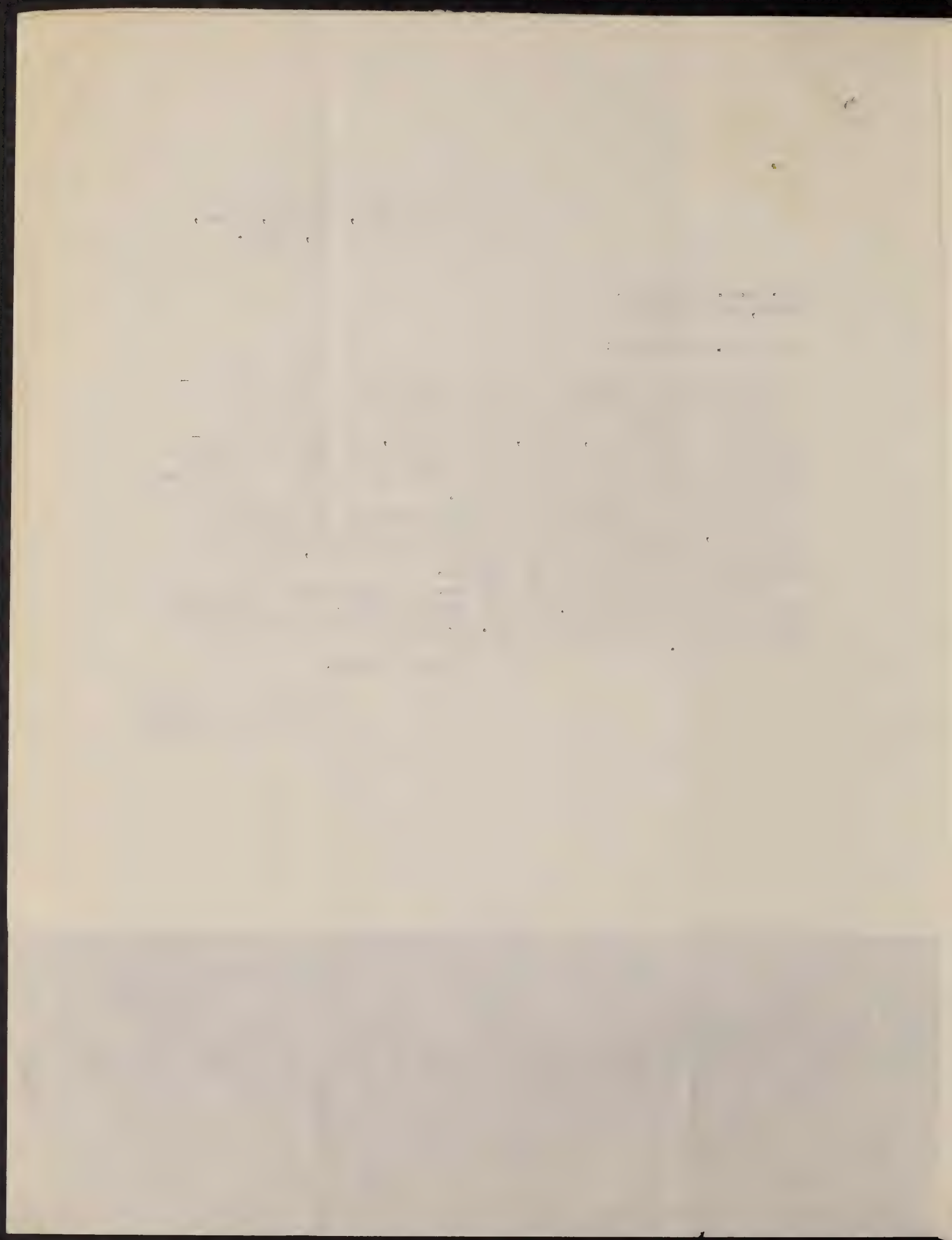
In the resume of Comer notes sent to me with your letter of October 2, 1962, section 13, written in long-hand deals with getting a transcript of claim for losses in the American Revolution of Thomas Comer from the Public Record Office in London England.


If Thomas and Paul Comer were brothers or cousins as we think, the claim would probably establish the location of the family home in New York at that time, and would help me to concentrate my search.

Please try to get this for me. I understand that the cost will be about \$3.00 plus incidentals. I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$5.00. If more is needed please let me know.

Yours truly,

L.E. Willis





Parsons, Kansas, Rt. 3,
February, 27, 1963.

Dr. H.C. Burleigh,
Bath, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Burleigh:

About one year ago, you provided me with a history of the Comer - Boyce - Lake family in Canada. Since that time, I have secured a copy of the Lake family book "A History of My People and Yours" by Claude N. McMillan, and we have found it very interesting and useful.

On the Comer line, by a devious route, I was able to get in touch with Mr. Donald Comer Jr., Birmingham, Ala., who wrote me that the three vol. "The Comer Family" by Sally B. Comer Lathrop (his aunt), was primarily about her life and, that of her parents, brothers and sisters. However, he did send me a complimentary copy of the book "Braxton Bragg Comer His Family Tree from Virginia Colonial Days" by A.K. Walker (1947).

The author of this book says there is record of a Comer, Comber family in England, and he seems to think that they are of that family. They begin with Samuel, son of John Comer, born in Lunenburg County, Va. before 1741. No Pauls, Jacobs or Abrahams in the line of descent noted, and no mention of Palatine Emigrants. Samuel Comer married a Moss of prominent English ancestry.

I have recently read an article (DAR mag. Jan. 1961) about the first German (Palatine Emigrant) settlements in the Hudson River valley which gives some references for research purposes. One of these is McWethy's Book of Names, (1933). I understand that this book contains much history on the early German settlements, and possibly names of all the Palatines who came in 1708-10.

I plan to try to get a copy of this book to aid me in my search, but before doing so, I wish to ask if you have seen this work and know of its content. If so, you no doubt have already given me all that it contains about the Comer family. Kindly let me know.

I cannot send you the proper stamp for a reply, but I am enclosing a thin dime, which I think will not cause any transportation trouble.

Yours sincerely,

Reply 4 mar 1963

Have not seen McWethy's Bk

Knittles "Pal. Emigration" is of no use

1963

L.E. Willis



Parsons, Kansas, Rt.3,
April 3, 1962.

H.C.Burleigh M.D.
Bath, Ontario, Canada.

Dear Dr.Burleigh:

I have your letter of March 27 with which you enclosed the Lake Family outline. I am well pleased with the information that you have sent to me on all the families and feel that you have been very generous in your effort to help me. I had almost despaired of getting much authentic information on the Comer ancestry, but, thanks to you that has all been changed.

I plan to write to the Genealogical Society of the LDS Church at Salt Lake City to see if I can secure, without much expense, two or three more names and some more dates in the line of descent in the Lake Family.

In one of your letters you stated that you usually made a trip to the State Library at Albany every Spring to search for genealogical information. If you plan such a trip this Spring, can you give me an estimate of the cost to me to have you search "The Comer Family", if you find it there, for the Canadian Comer family tie-in. I would like the line of descent traced from the Immigrant to the Canadian family and, also, to learn if a branch led down to the contemporary prominent Comer family - Braxton Comer et al - of Alabama.

I have other ancestral lines tracing back to New England and New York State. One, the John Stanclift family, originated at Middletown, Conn. and after the war moved to Oneida Co. N.Y. and after some years on to Canada. They moved back to Erie Co. N.Y. in 1813-14. I have the history before and after but none on the period that they were in Canada where my great Grandfather was born in 1799. One source of family lore places them near Buffalo while other sources and circumstances seems to place them in wheat country near Kingston. If the latter, maybe your files would have something on this family. He was on the side of the Colonies in the war.

My great grandmother Polly Mary Peek married Thomas Stanclift in Erie Co. N.Y. about 1819. One family source says she was born near Albany N.Y. while another says Vermont, but both agree that she was of Dutch Hudson River stock on her father's side. When I learn a little more about her, I may write to have you see what you can find at Albany.

I thank you again for the good reports.

Sincerely,

L.E. Willis.

*Letter 27-6-62 re no genealogy
in Albany. Suggest writing
to Goodspeeds.*

THE HISTORY OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON

BY
JOHN B. BOWEN
VOL. I.

The city of Boston, from its first settlement in 1630, to the present time, has been a place of great importance and interest. It has been the seat of government, the center of commerce, and the home of many of the great men of the country. Its history is full of interesting events and incidents, and its present condition is a result of the many changes that have taken place since its first settlement. The city has grown from a small fishing village to a great metropolis, and its people have played a prominent part in the history of the country. The city has been the scene of many of the great events of the American Revolution, and its people have been the first to take up arms in defense of their rights. The city has also been the home of many of the great men of the country, and its people have been the first to take up arms in defense of their rights. The city has been the scene of many of the great events of the American Revolution, and its people have been the first to take up arms in defense of their rights. The city has also been the home of many of the great men of the country, and its people have been the first to take up arms in defense of their rights.

27 March, 1962.

Mr. L. E. Willis,
Route 3,
Parsons, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Willis:

I am sorry to be so late with the remainder of the material I promised you, also for the delay in replying to your letter of March 14. Things do happen to cause delays.

It may be a bit difficult for you to make all the pieces fit, insofar as the Loices are concerned. It is much easier when you understand the situation with those Loyal refugees. I shall give my picture of that period.

When certain men joined, or fled to the British forces in Quebec from the adjacent rebel provinces of New York, Vermont and New Hampshire, they were formed into

1. Active regiments or companies of fighting troops, or
2. Companies of non-combatants, used to build roads, assist the Engineers, etc.

They were stationed in camps at various points adjacent to Montreal and Sorel, in Quebec. Then, when their wives and dependents began to arrive, they, too, were housed in camps and communities where they could be fed, housed and clothed.

Because of this closeness of Loyalist regiments and compounds, it was natural that they would find their pleasure and social activities with one another. In other words, they were a closely-knit community in a land populated by a strange people who spoke an alien tongue (the French-Canadians). It would be very likely, therefore, that Paul Conner knew and possibly courted the lovely Loice Damsel before the settlement of the Loyalists along the St. Lawrence River and the Bay of Quinte. Perhaps they were already "promised" before the dispersal.

The reason for the separation of the Loice father and sons was that the various townships were settled by regiments. Thus, John, a soldier in one company, settled in Matilda, while his sons, belonging to another company, as did Paul Conner, settled in a different township. Then, after a home was begun, Paul journeyed down the river to Matilda and brought his new wife back to Ernesttown. Nor would she be far from relatives, seeing that her brother was a neighbor in the new township on the Bay of Quinte.

The sketch of the Lake family lacks much in detail, which I am unable to supply. I suspect that you will want to purchase the Lake Genealogy, as outlined on the attached resume of the Lakes.

I trust that you consider the information which I have given you as well worth it.

Yours sincerely,



Parsons, Kansas, Rt.3,
March 14, 1962.

Dr.H.C.Burleigh,
Bath, Ontario, Canada.

Dear Dr.Burleigh:

I have the outlines of the Comer Family and the Boice Family that you have sent to me and find them very interesting. Some questions arose from reading the data but I delayed writing to you hoping to have the Ailse Lake family record by this time. From your letter of Jan. 24th. I clearly understand that the Lake family outline will be sent to me and I am wondering what may be delaying it.

The Comer family information seems clear enough and I have no question on it except as I discuss the Boice family.

Boice Family; Item 1 describes John Boice who, after the war, settled in Matilda Twp., John's wife, Mary, who, with two sons and two daughters, fled to Canada in Sept.1781 and later traced to Lachine (1783)ie. Item 5, a,b&c. and Andrew, a son of John, who settled in Ernestown. Now see - -

Comer Family Item 9. John Boyce of Matilda Twp. is shown as the father of Phoebe, wife of Paul Comer of Ernestown, who claimed an allotment on the services of her Loyalist father.

On the basis of the records presented, it seems apparent that Phoebe was the daughter of John Boice, Item 1., and Mary, Item 5 a,b&c (Boice Family). I see nothing to contradict this except that you were unable to trace that family from Matilda to Ernestown, but bearing in mind that her brother, Andrew, lived there, she could have lived in his family at the time of her marriage to Paul Comer. Then, for what it is worth, Stephen Buis, Item 3, produces affidavit of John Conklin of Ernestown and a witness, John Buis who knew the farm well. This John Buis could have been John Boyce, the father of Phoebe, and at that time (1788) a resident of Ernestown.

I would like to have your comment on the above and to learn what is delaying the Lake report.

I am much interested in the fact that there is a published genealogy of the Comer Family. I would, of course, like to have the ancestral line traced from Canada back to the Immigrant and to learn if a branch descended to the prominent Comer Family of Alabama. With my limited funds available for such purposes I will, probably, have to give it up for the present.

I wish to thank you for the good detailed reports that you have sent to me and hope to hear from you again soon.

Sincerely,

L.E. Willis



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Paul Kane Haupt
Koon

John Burns

John

Haupt
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Paul Comer

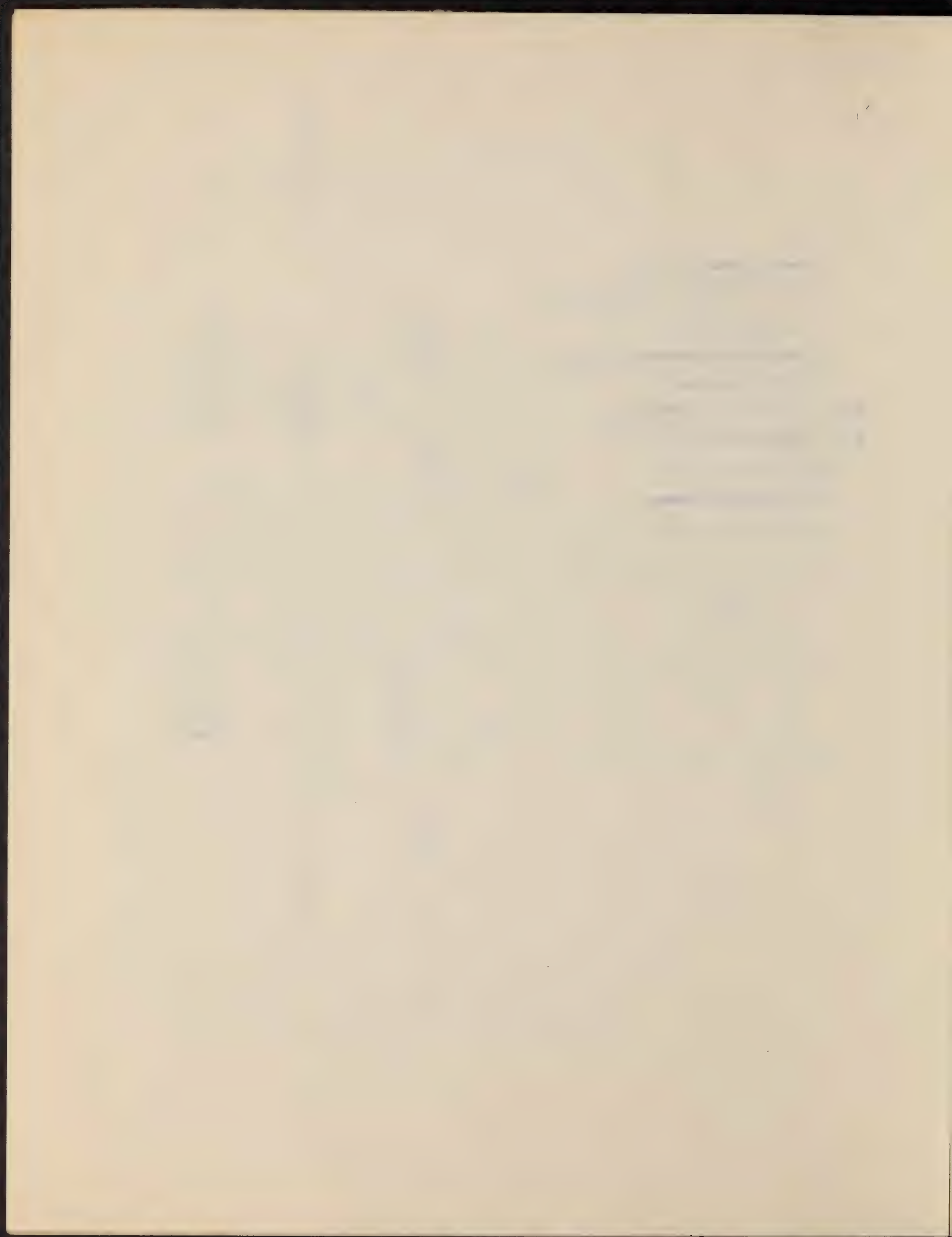
Philip Burns

pro looks
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Van Voorhees

Jacob Comer

- Oakes Lake



Canada.

24 Jan., 1962.

Mr. L. E. Willis,
Route 3,
Parsons, Kansas,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Willis:

I have received your letter regarding your ancestor, Jacob Comer, who emigrated from this county to Erie County, Penna., in 1842. I am not surprised, as I am known as the genealogist of this region, and people of the neighborhood tend to refer such requests to me. I may say that I have been collecting information about our early settlers for more than thirty years. My files contain more than eight hundred files on our early families.

On the receipt of your letter, I spent two or three hours poring through the files, and am able to assure you that I can supply you with a great deal of information regarding the parents and grandparents of both Jacob Comer and his wife, Milse (Elizabeth) Lake. In the latter family the ancestral line carries back to the 1600's in America. I have also a good deal on the military service of some of your ancestors--altogether a most interesting.

As the compilation of this information will require several days, plus the services of a typist, I shall require payment of twenty-five dollars--partial payment for the many hours and much money which I have put into this hobby.

Should this meet with your approval, I shall go ahead with the compilation of the story of these people in this part of the world.

Yours sincerely,



Parsons, Kansas, Rt.3,
January 19, 1962.

Dr. Burleigh,
Bath, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Burleigh:

For my own interest and enlightenment, I am searching in the early history of my great-grandfather, Jacob Comer, who immigrated from Lennox County, Ontario to Erie, County Pa. in 1842 according to his application for citizenship.

I wrote to the County Recorder at Nepanee, Ont. but he was unable to find any property transfers in the name of Jacob Comer around that date. He did, however, find some Comer transfers in Fredericksbuegh Twp. and gave me your name as one who might be able to help me.

I am attempting to learn names and dates on Jacob's parents, when they settled there and from where they came to Lennox County. Jacob Comer married Alice or Alcy Lake in 1829 and my grandfather was born there in 1831.

I shall appreciate any help that you can give me and will be glad to pay your charge.

Sincerely,

L. E. Willis.

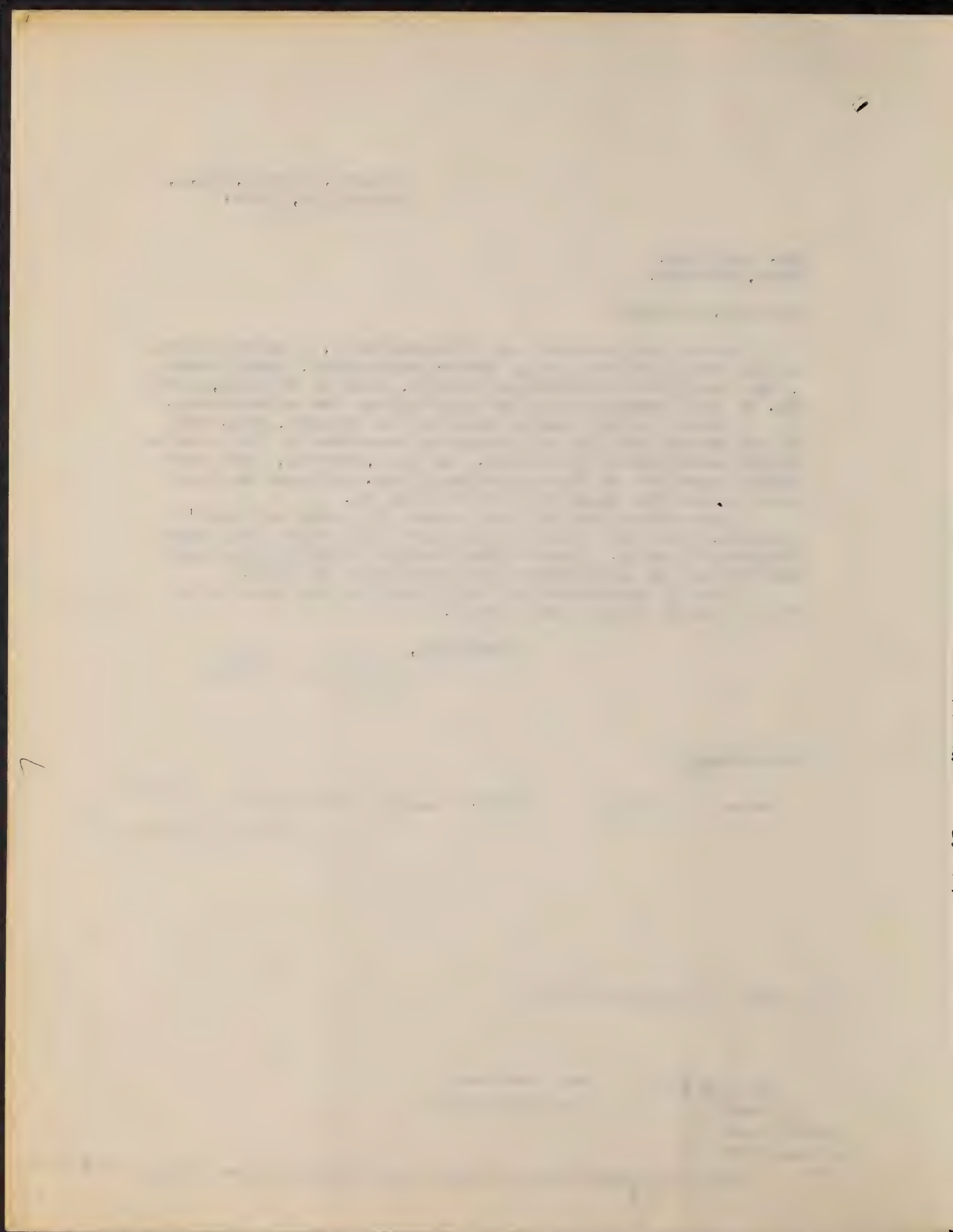
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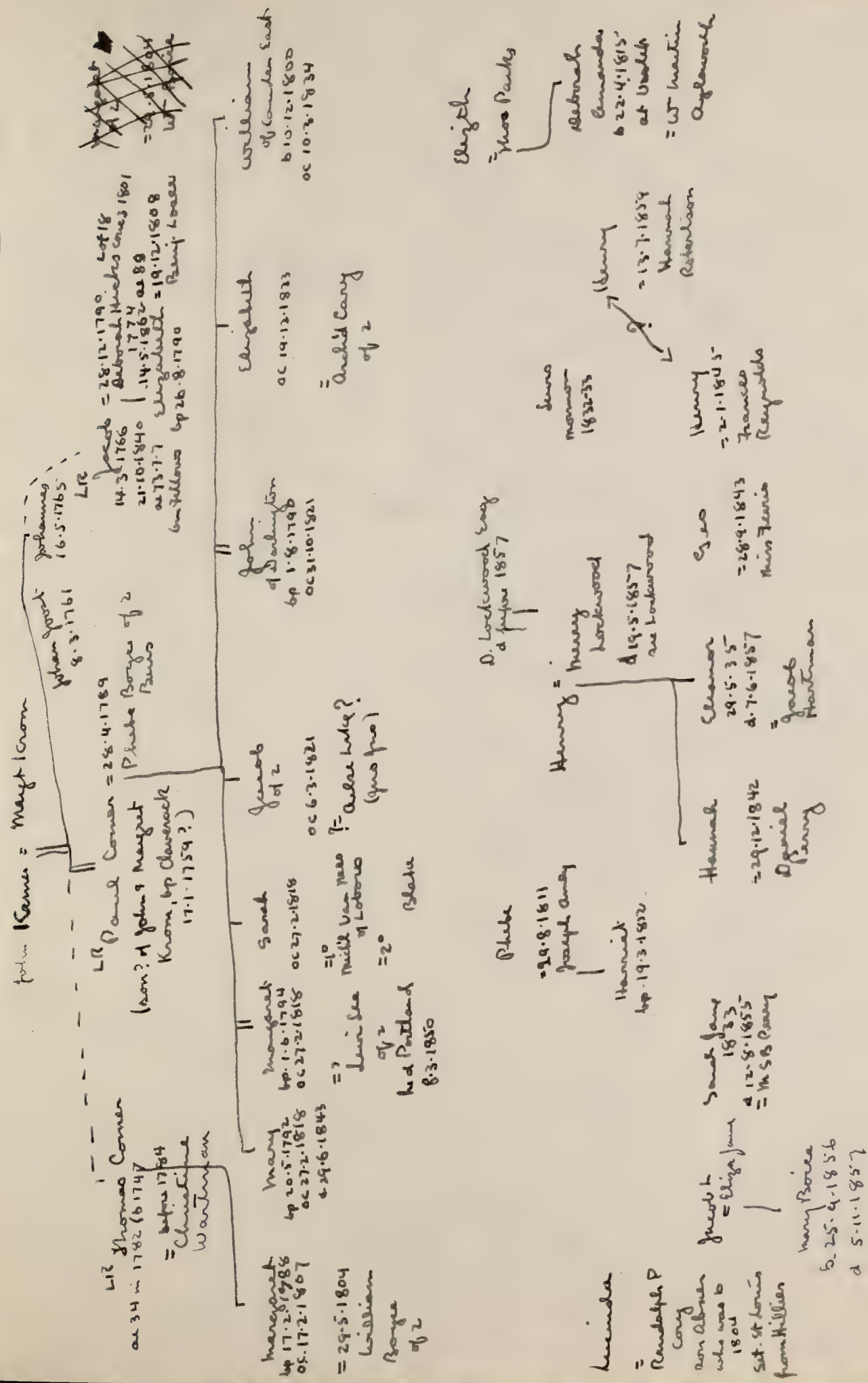
*Comer Family. Selbee Comer Lathrop. 3 vols.
N Y State (Library?)*

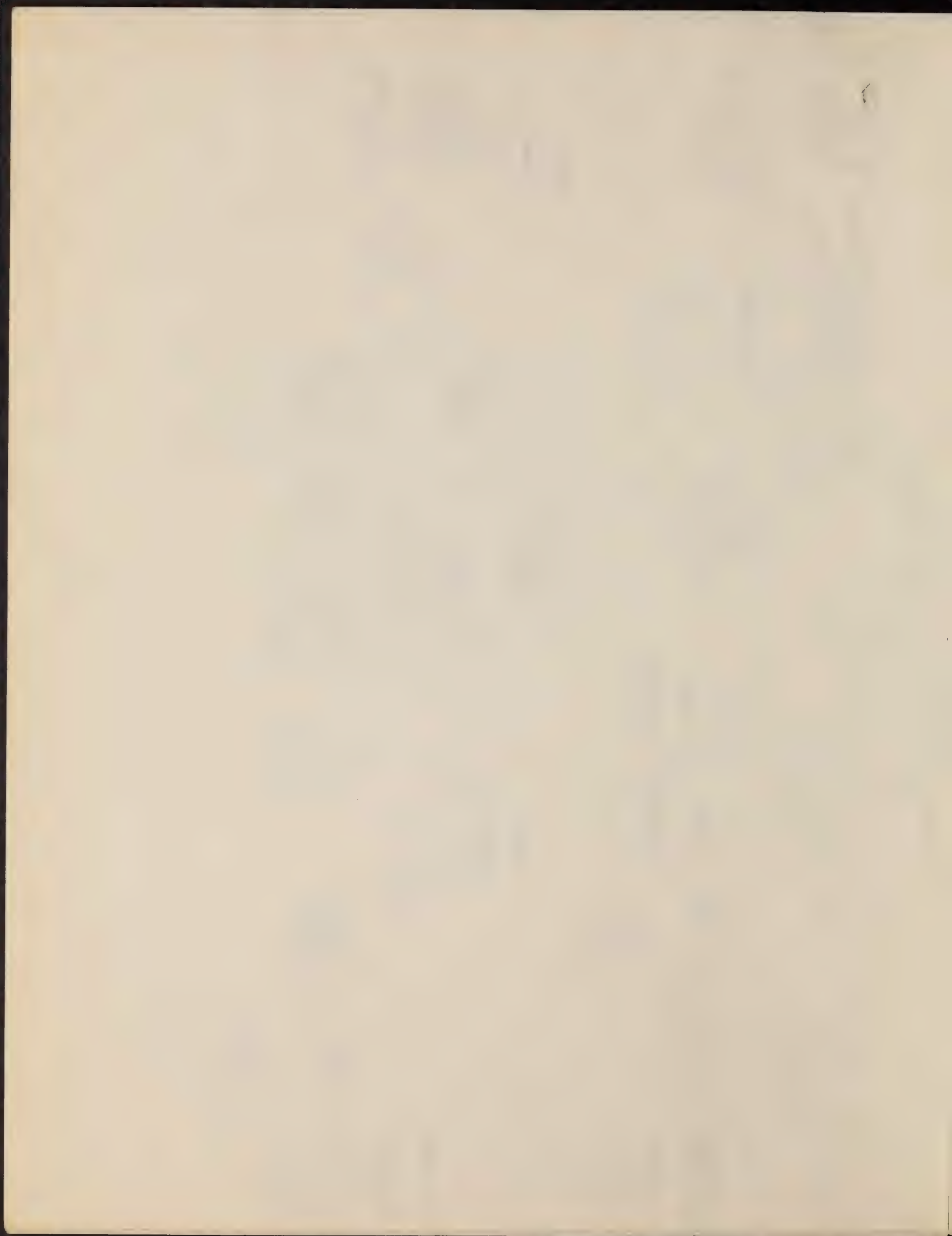
John Lake = Margaret Shuler

*John Lake Jr = van Voorhies
c. 1780-1855 = Mrs. Doren sp
White Creek
on border of N.Y. &
Ht*

child. or Elizabeth Lake, b. 1811, m. Jacob Comer, who d. Oct 1840







Haldimand Papers

vol. B-127

List of Artificers Employed in Engineers Dept., Cataraqui

10 Sept 1784

Paul Coomer, axe man, hired at Cataraqui — employed at the mill that is building at the middle of Bay of Quinte

Protestant Church, Montreal

Marriages.

1780 Thomas Comman and Christine Wardman (Wartman?)

1780 Nicholas Hoofman and Elizabeth Wardman

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List of Officers & Men Proposed to Form Two Companies of Artificers in Canada. 1 Jan., 1780

Thomas Comer, of Robt. Seake's Co., Carpenter now employed.

War Office Papers.

List of Capt. Jonathan Jones' Coy., Riviere du Chene Feb 24 1783

Thomas Comer, pte.

Return of Capt. W. Thurston Coy 2 Am. L. R. R. N. Y. Sarrel 12 Oct 1778

Thomas Comer pte.

Roll of Capt. Sand McKays Coy "in Convention" Chateaugay 20 Dec 1777

Thomas Comer

"Details" of Capt W^m Vassers Coy L. R. Yamaska 25 Dec 1781

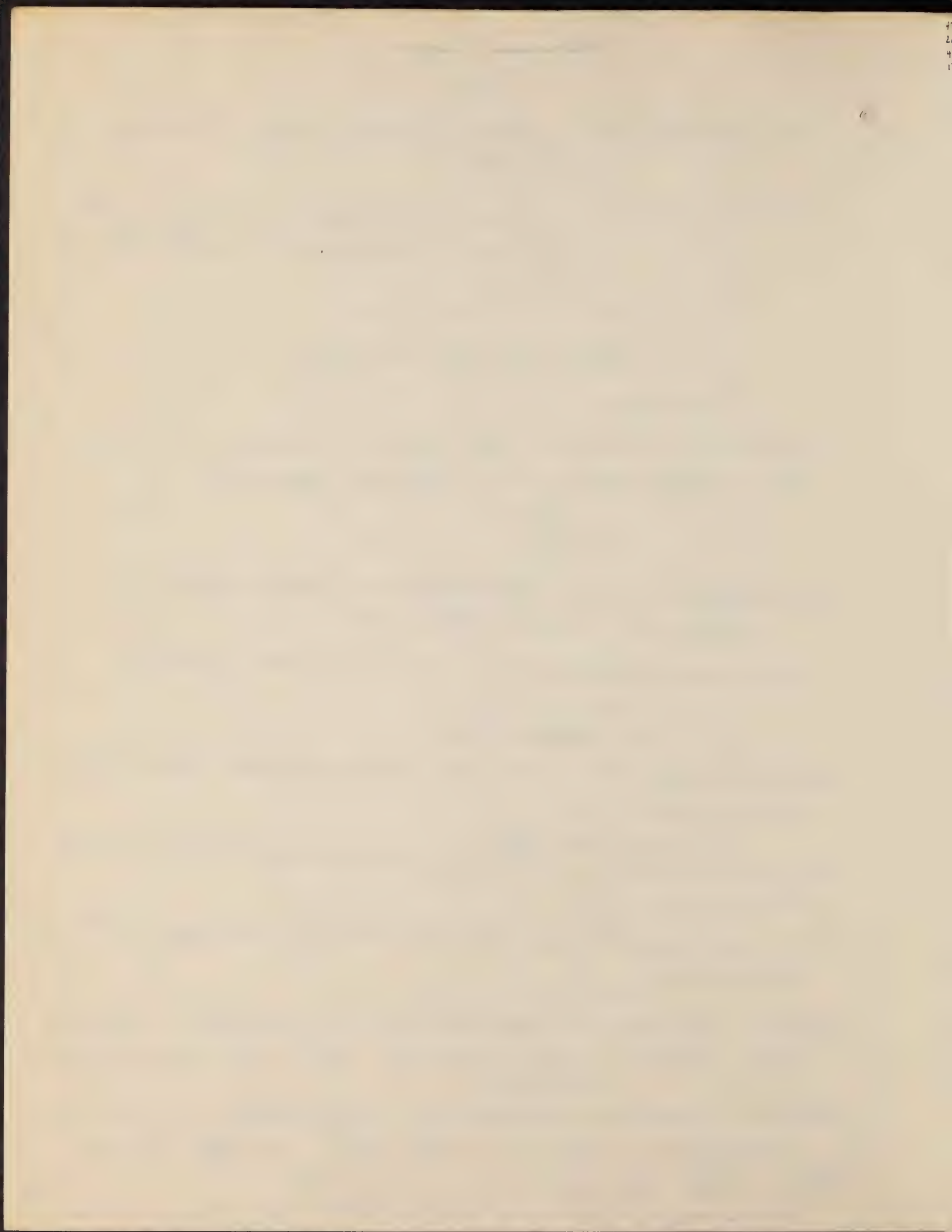
Thomas Comer b. America age 28 5'8" 4 yrs 6 mo service.

"Details" of Capt. Jonathan Jones' Coy L. R. (Vercheres?) 1 Jan 1783

Thomas Comer b. America age 34 5'9" 4 yrs 4 mo service.

Details as of Riviere du Chene 1 Jan 1783

Thomas Comer b. America aged 29 5'8" 5 yrs 6 mo service



Baptisms, Claverack, N.Y.

Camer

- 1751 Mar. 1 Abraham, son Paulus Camer & Elizabeth Heyinger
- 1754 Jan. 17 Paulus " John Kamer & Margaret Krom
- 1761 Mar. 8 Johan Joost " " " "
- 1765 June 9 Johannes " " " "

Zion Luth. Ch. Lunenburg (Achen, Gene 6)
1744 Joost o. Paul Kamer & Elzith Her
Aug 5

Sons & Daus. of U.E.

Paul Comer of Ennestown. = Phoebe Boyce of Ennestown on 28.4.1789

- L Mary O.C. 27.2.1818 & 29.6.1843
- L Margaret = Levi Lee of Ennestown O.C. 27.2.1818
- Sarah = 1^o — Van Ners of Loughboro " "
- 2^o — Blake
- Jacob of Ennestown 6.3.1821
- L John of Darlington 31.10.1821
- Elizabeth = Archibald Cary of Ennestown 19.12.1833
- McD William of Camden East 10.12.1800 10.3.1834

Thomas Comer

- L Margaret = William Boyce of Ennestown 29.5.1804 O.C. 17.2.1807

Clement, John, of Ennestown

- d. Ruth, mar. Lewis Comer (mormons)

O.C. 14 Oct 1834

W

Hartman, Abraham, of Kingston

(also mar. 1780, Protestant Ch. Montreal)

- d. Christine, mar. Thomas Comer, of Loughborough 6 May 1830.

(d. Elizabeth, mar. Nicholas Huffman, Prot. Ch. Montreal, 1780)

How about

Sarah Van Ners, Loughboro, wife of Michael, and

da. of Thomas Comer, who applied for lands

1817-1846

see also (above) as da. of Paul Comer

O.C. 27.2.1818

Boyce, John, of Matilda

da. Phoebe, mar. Paul Comer of Ennestown

O.C. 4 Sept 1834.

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Boice File

William Boice of Ennestown mar. Margaret Comer, May 29, 1804

Paul Comer mar 28 Apr 1789 Phoebe Buns. They resided in Ennestown,
 & had a son William born 10 Dec 1800

Lake File

Ailse Lake (John John) mar. Jacob Comer. Her next older sister
 born 1807 & her brother James born Mar 5, 1793.

She born 1811. Mr. Comer died Oct 1840

Amey File

Joseph (Nicholas U.S.) mar 1st Sarah Smith
 b 15 Jan 1783

2nd 29.8.1811 Phoebe Comer - Married b 19.3.1812

3rd 17.11.1814 Catherine Baker } sister
 4th Elizabeth Baker }

One of these was a Mrs Jones before
 marriage to Joseph? or else
 Joseph's dau. Almira, was a widow
 Jones when she mar 24.5.1836
 James O'Reilly. Record says "Miss
 Almira Jones (dau of Mrs. J. Amey)"

Directory of 1865

1878

Ennestown 78

Comer, George L. Conc 5 h.

" Henry 5 144

H. Comer Conc 5 lot 14 a. & pt 14 acres. (Violet)

nothing else that even looks like Comer.

Directory of 1857

Comer's Mills

Comer, G. H., flouring mill & postmaster

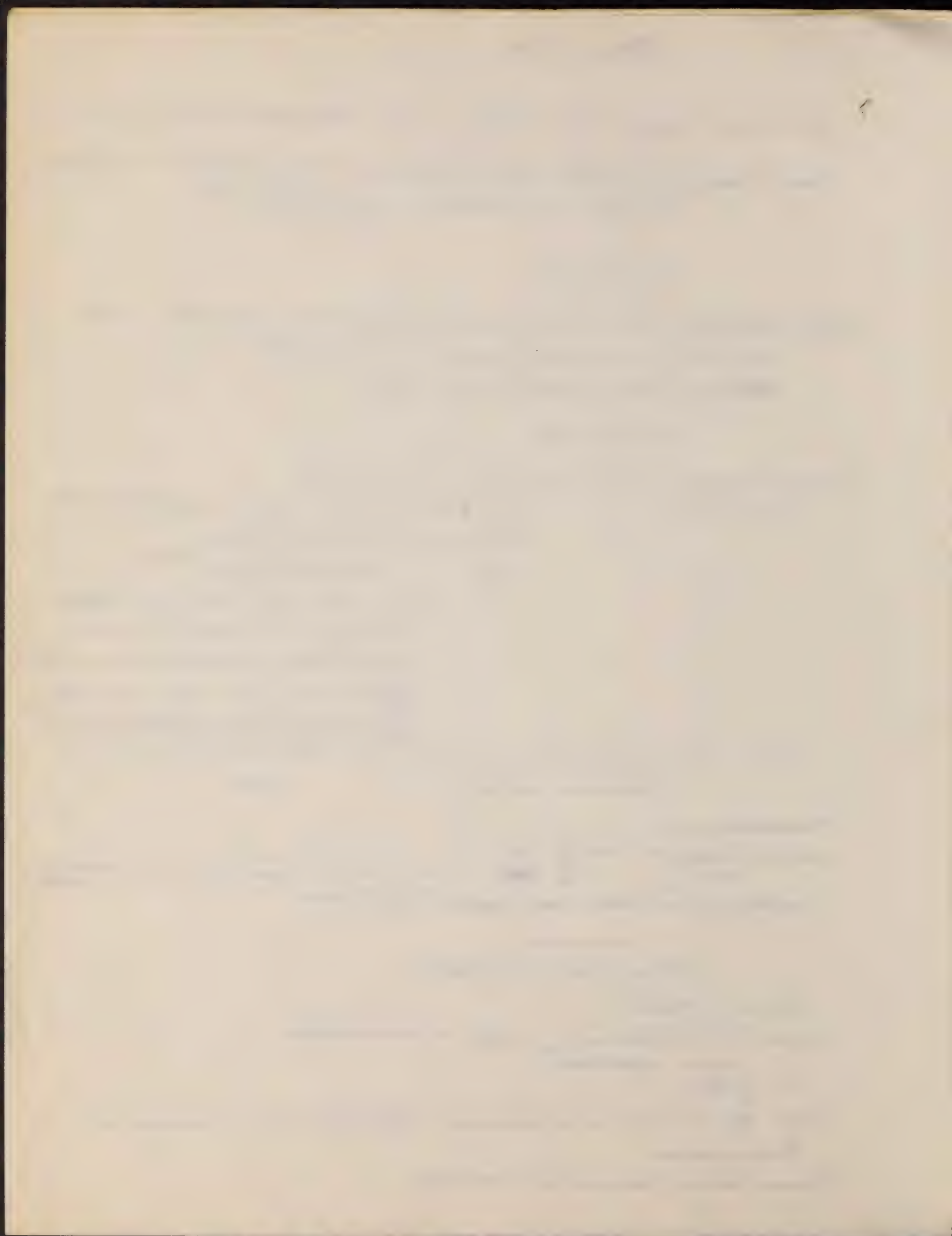
" ——— yeoman.

Kingston

Comer James T. R. commissariat department, 22 Union St.

Sydenham

Comer, Henry, carpenter & builder



Reverend Clark's Family

Henry Conner = Mercy, dau late D. Lockwood, Esq.
d. 19.5.1857
(bur. women)

Hannah = 29.12.1842
Daniel Perry

Eleanor = Jacob Hartman
d. 7.6.1857

Henry = 2.1.1845
of Frances Reynolds
d. 15.7.1859
Hannah Robertson
same Henry?

Lewis & family
Thomson
1832-1853

Old Jacob = Deborah
d. 21.10.1840
(bur. Fellows
at 73.7.7)
Micho
d. 14.5.1862
kindly
re-buried
Micho

Daniel Conner
d. Consumption
at Mrs. Swett's Burial
d. 6.1844

George = 28.4.1843
Miss Fergus

Born & Born U.S.

Paul =

Margaret = David Lee
of 2
Mary -
spouse
of 2

Thomas =

Sarah = Michael Van Ness
of 2

McDonald 21.5.1804

Paul = Phoebe Davis

Margaret = Wm Davis
of 2

Elizabeth = 19.12.1808
Benjamin
Hoad

William
born 10.12.1800

Langdon.

mar. at 11.184

Thomas = Christine

25.4.1804

Paul = Phoebe
born at
1804

Margaret
bp 17.2.1788

John bp 1.6.1796 Mary bp 10.5.1792

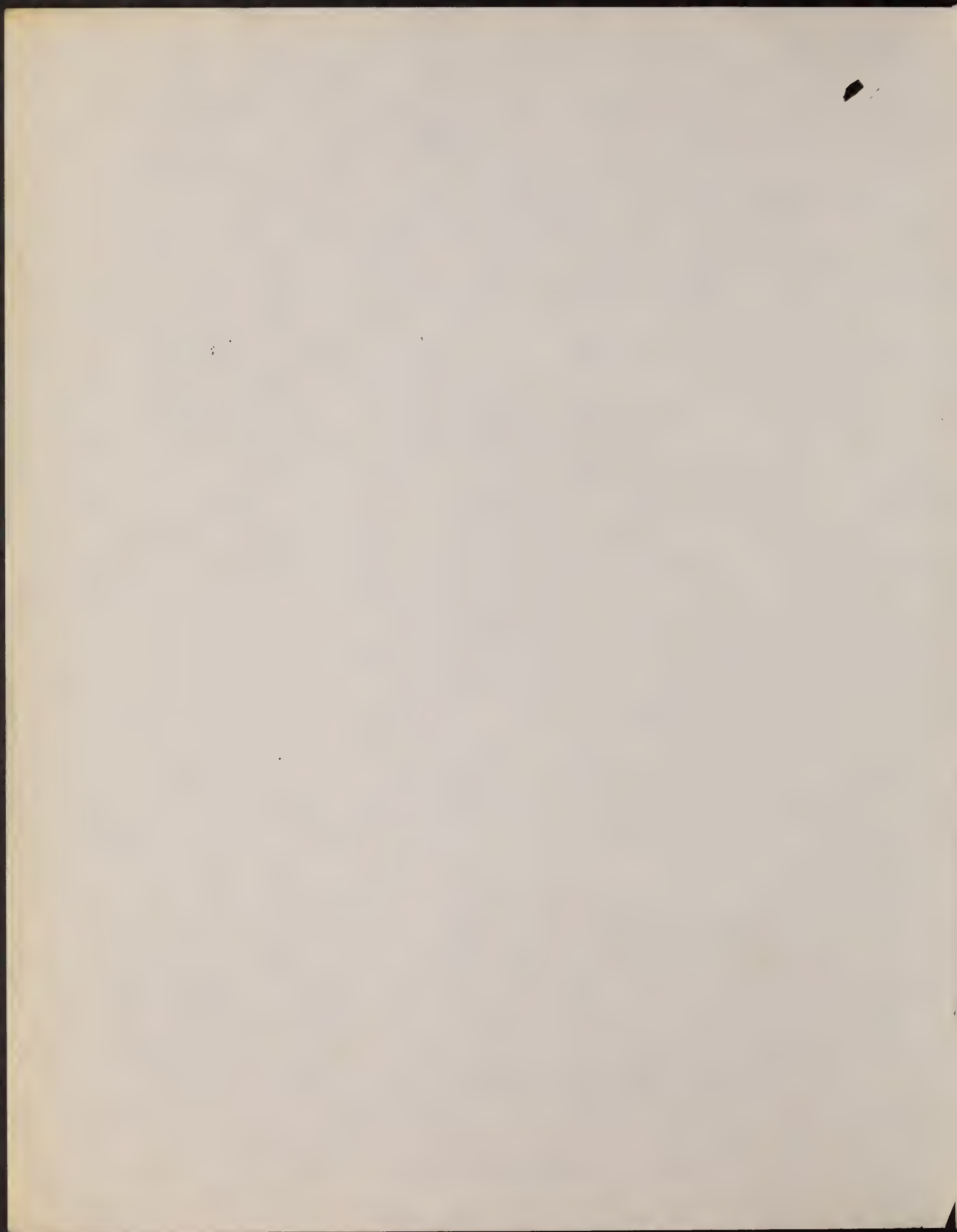
Marguerite Wm Elizabeth
bp 1.6.1794 bp 21.2.1790
10.12.1800

Jacob = 28.12.1790
by day of Deborah
Micho

Wylsworth's file

Thos = Elizabeth (Conner) Parks

Deborah Conner = Wm Parks 21.1.1811
b. 22.4.1815 Wylsworth



2, 4, 38, 50, 55, 66, 65, 110, 227, 228, 263, 310

228
227

263
310

Sons & Daughters of Loyalists

Margaret Lee, Ennistown, wife of Lewis Lee, & dau. of Paul Comer
Sarah van Ness, Longfellow, wife of Michael, & dau. of Thomas Comer
Mary, Comer Ennistown, spr. dau. of Paul Comer

Montreal Protestant Church

1780 Thomas Comer & Wardman married

28 Dec. 1790
Paul Comer = Deborah Hicks
1774-1802

Shos
Parks

Leith
Comer
18p. 20 May 1790

Lewis
Comer

Deborah Amara = Wm. Martin Aylnorth
28 Apr. 1812

Job - Philip - Arthur

McDowall Register

Baptisms

Paul Comer, Phoebe Boice William born 10 Dec. 1800

Marriages

William Boice & Margaret Comer, both of Ennistown 29 May 1807

Benjamin Boice & Elizabeth Comer, both of Ennistown 19 Dec. 1818

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B. 15.5

List of Officers & Men Proposed to form 2 Regts of Militia in
Canada 1 Jan 1780

Thomas Comer Carpenter Robert Leathers Coys Employed 4

Name.....

Service No.....

Address.....

- (1) Medical examination indicates that you require treatment.
(2) It is necessary to defer your treatment until.....;

on which date you will report to.....

(3) Effective the date of admission to treatment, you will be credited with pay and allowances equivalent to those issued to you immediately prior to your discharge.

.....
for District Administrator, D.V.A.

Veteran's signature.....

(Detach original for veteran)

Information for District and Head Office use.

Date of Discharge.....

Date reported to D.V.A.....

Diagnosis on Discharge.....

Other medical evidence indicating condition present at time of discharge.....

Reason for Deferment (Indicate by "X" in appropriate square)

☐ (1) Lack of treatment facilities. Explain fully.....

☐ (2) Medical judgment due to veterans condition. Explain fully.....

For Head Office Use

Approved
Date for D.G.T.S.

Not Approved
Date for D.G.T.S.

Distribution

Upper half of original to veteran

Duplicate to Head Office

Triplicate for District file.

DVA 209

P.R. 18028

Comer

Sarah Comer 1817-1896

Margaret dec-6- wife of John Lee
+ dau Paul Comer

Sarah Ann Miller, Lohr, wife of
Michael + dau Thomas Comer
Mar Comer - 2 - s-pr. dau of
~~Paul~~ Comer

Crown Grants

Emesttown

Deborah Comer Con 3 lot 18 1801

CANADIAN MEDICAL SERVICE

Date No.

No., Rank and Name

R

Signature of M.O.

To be filed at Medical Inspection Room
or Military Hospital.

C.A.F.C. 680
2M pads of 100—5-51 (4733)
H.Q. 4554-C-680

CemeteriesMorris White Church

Sarah Jane Comer, wife of M. S. B. Perry, d. Aug. 12, 1858, in her 23rd year.

Mary Lockwood, wife of Henry Comer, d. May 19, 1857, at age 8 mo. 8 days.

Henry Boice, son of Jacob L. & Eliza Comer, d. Nov. 5, 1857, at 1 yr. 1 mo. 11 days.

Fallows Church

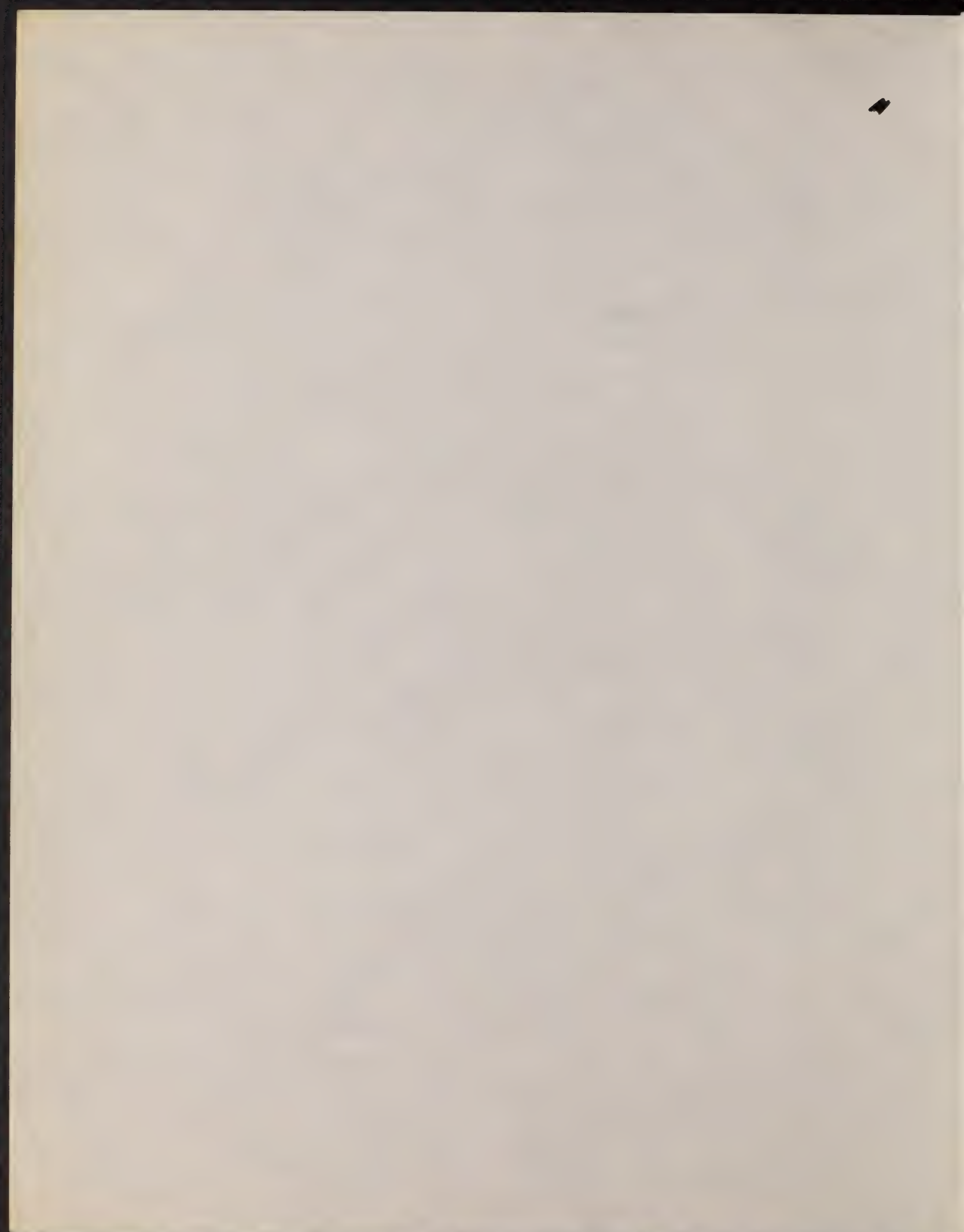
Jacob Comer, b. Mar. 18, 1767; d. Oct. 25, 1840, aged 73 yr 7 mo 7 days (Aug. 11, 1857)

Camden East (New)

Ellen H. Comer, wife of Jacob A. Huffman, d. June 7, 1857, aged 27 yr 4 days

Seake

Muster of Loyal Vols. Commanded by Capt Robt for 183 days —
 25 June 1778 to 24 Dec following. Robert Seake Capt
 Thomas Comer at board on duty.



John C. Clark Diary -

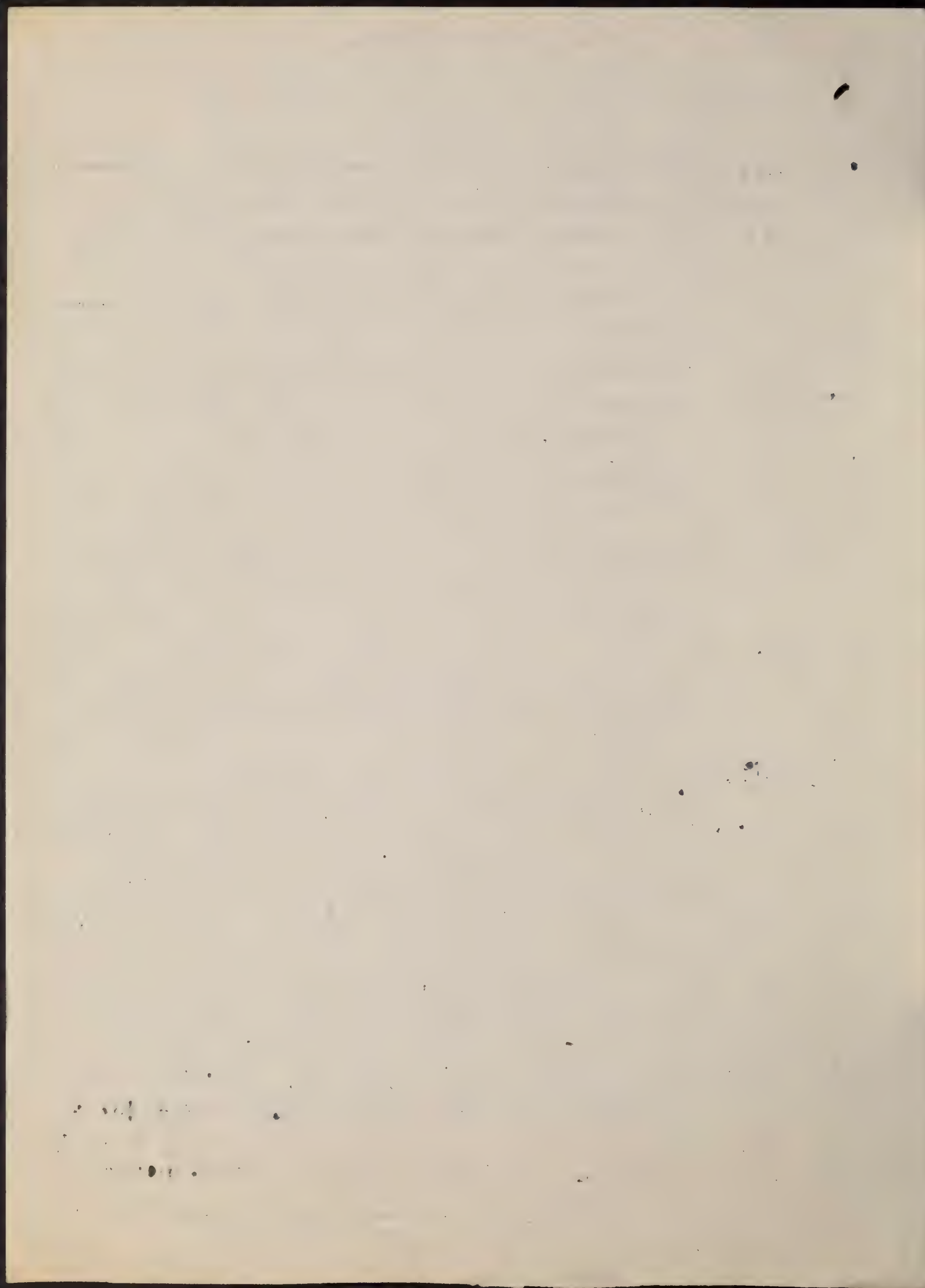
Comer

- 1832, Sept 6 · Lewis Comer & family (Mormons started for Missouri.
 1833, May 12 · Lewis Comer returned from following the Mormons.
 1840, Oct. 21 · Old Mr. Jacob Comer died this morning — lingering illness.
 1842, Dec 29 · Mr. Daniel Perry & Miss Hannah, daughter of Henry Comer, married.
 1843, Sep. 28 · Mr. George Comer & Miss Ferris married at evening
 1844 June 9 Mr. Daniel Comer died of Consumption at Mrs. Everett's Saw Mill.
 1845, Jan. 2. · Mr. Henry Comer & Miss Frances Reynolds married.
 1849, Sept 6. · Mr. Henry Comer's house burnt by lightning, P.M.
 1857, May 19 · Mrs. Mercy Comer, wife of Mr. Henry Comer, of Comer's Mills, Ernesttown, died. A daughter of the late Dockwood, Esq.
 June 7 · Mrs. Eleanor Hartman — wife of Mr. Jacob Hartman of Camden, & daughter of Mr. Henry Comer of Ernesttown, died
 1859, July ¹³ ~~15~~ Mr. Henry Comer & Miss Hannah Robertson, both of Comers, Mills, married by the Rev. William English
 1862, May 14 Mrs. Deborah Hicks, widow of the late Mr. Jacob Comer, of Violet, Ernesttown, died aged 88 years.

Aylsworth Genealogy

see Aylsworth & Parks & Es.

Deborah Amara (b. Apr 22, 1815 at Violet) dau of Thomas & Elizabeth (Comer) Parks m. William Martin Aylsworth on Dec 24 1842
 (she would appear to be grand-daughter of ~~Louis Hicks~~ ^{Jacob D. Hicks (Hicks)} & gr. grand-dau. of Lewis & Hannah Parks ~~Deborah~~ Hicks)



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Comer

v. B 126

Provisioned Grates 25 Mar to 24 Apr 1781

Thomas Comer 0.10000 Seaker's Borel

Ditto 25 Aug. to 24 Sept. 1781

Christy Comers 0.10000 no crops kitchen

Ditto 25 Dec 1781 to 24 Jan 1782

Mrs. Comer 0.10000 Borel.

Ditto 24 Mar 1782

Mrs. Comer 0.10000 h. Camps Borel

Ditto 24 July 1782

Mrs. Comer 0.1 no crops St Johns

Exclusive of Upper Posts

Thomas Comer self New York Farmer, leased
lands

Return of Unincorp. Boys. Vouched 24 Jan 1784

Mrs Comer 0.10001 L.R. Terrebonne

2

Telephone
Benson Mines 17-F3

Office Hours 2 to 4 P. M.
Mon., Wed. & Fri. 7 to 8. P. M.

H. C. BURLEIGH, M. D., C. M.

Newton Falls, N.Y., _____ 19____

To Professional Services

Received Payment,

Comer

(Warrant) (Comer) (1790)
Comer, Thomas = Christine → Margaret² bp 2.17.1788
Paul² = Phebe Bliss² 4.28.1789 → John² bp 8.1.1790
Mary² bp 5.20.1792
Marguerite² bp 6.1.1794

Jacob wtd² 4.28.1789 = Deborah Hicks² 12.28.1790
→ Elizabeth² bp 8.20.1790

Henry² wtd 3.9.1813.

U. S. hist

Jacob	2	Loyal Rangers, A. M. L.
Paul	2	Soldier O. C. L. B. M. 1790. (P. L. 1786)
Thomas	2	Que? if not Comer, soldier Loyal Rangers, P. (P. L. 1786)

U. S. hist Supp - mid

Long claim witnesses - ~~X~~ Thomas Comer (Bolle 80. New York lib.)

L. B. O

Thomas. 11.13.97 Praying to have his mil. lds. as a private completed. Rec. 200 additional

Emertown Muster Roll Oct 7 1784

Thomas	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	2½	(ac. family on lds back concession.
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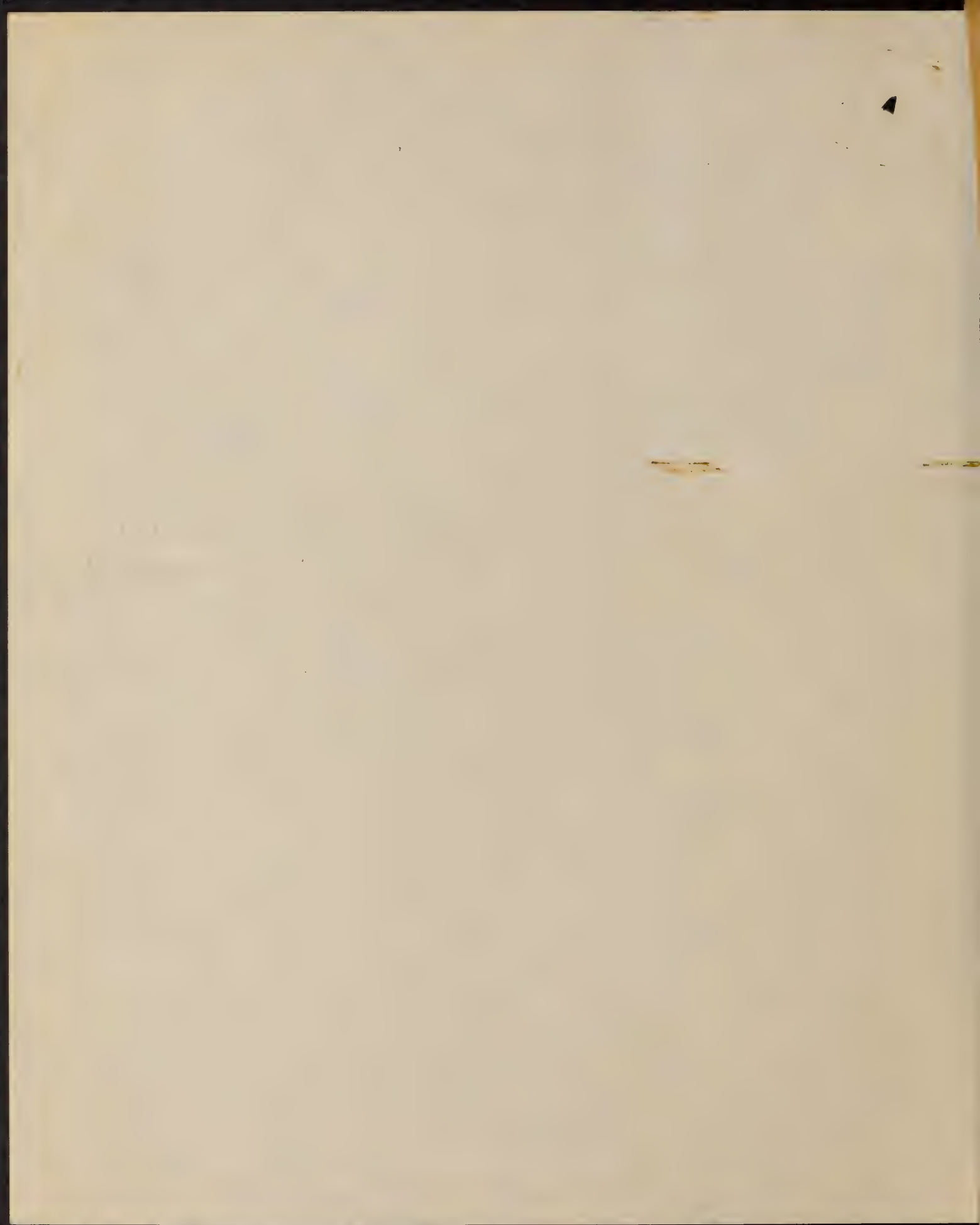
Paul	1							1	1	Gone to Canada for seed wheat.
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Capt Leaker Corps 3 Sep - 24 Oct 1777

Thomas Comer.

P. L. B. Q.

Randolph P. Cory (Abner b. 1804, d. 1871, Eliakim) of Hillier, Pa. lds. Co.,
marr Lucinda Comer and settled in St. Louis.



Add S. + D., U. S.

Ogden 3.4.6
Coney 8

Robertson 3.6
Reynolds 6

Transcribed

Hardman 3.6
Hicks 1.3.4.6²
Huffman 7

Boris 1.6.8
Boice 4.6².8
Baker 9

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Jones 8

Smith 8
~~Smith~~

Lockwood 3.6.7
Lee 4.5.6
Hosee 4.6
Lake 8

Van Ness 4.5.6

Everitt 3.6
English 3

Ferris 3

O'Reilly 8

Perry 3.6.7
Parks 3.4.6

